



Association Affairs

PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

ACTIVITIES

PSA is a Sponsor of a Meeting on 'Environmental Challenges for the Pacific Basin in the 21st Century' in September 2005

The Pacific Science Association will be one of the sponsors of a meeting convened by the Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health Services, to be held September 4–8, 2005 at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Two days of training sessions will follow the meeting. The plenary sessions will focus on: Hazardous Wastes (management models/approaches, technical advances in remediation technology, and global transport of hazardous chemicals); Human and Ecological Health Effects of Environmental Contaminants (observable health effects among populations exposed to hazardous wastes, pollution effects on coral reefs and ocean health, mercury levels in fish); and Global Climate Change (political aspects, technical uncertainties, potential costs, and technical solutions). Other topics such as new technologies for measuring or anticipating environmental health effects, children's environmental health, groundwater arsenic and endocrine-disrupting chemicals in ground and surface waters are also being considered as additional topics. For more details on the meeting visit the Pacific Basin Consortium website at <http://pbc.eastwestcenter.org/2005conference.html>, or contact: pbc@eastwestcenter.org for more information.

Pacific Biodiversity Information Forum Update

The Pacific Biodiversity Information Forum (PBIF), established under the auspices of the PSA to provide a forum for sharing biodiversity information in the Asia-Pacific region, was formally accepted as an Associate Participant Organization to the Global Biodiversity Information Forum in September 2004. PBIF also held a leadership meeting from 8–9 October, 2004 in Wellington, New Zealand, in conjunction with the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) meeting. This was the fourth in a series of workshops, and was convened in order to gain approval for formulation of the node under the framework and procedures developed by the interim organizing committee at the previous PBIF meeting in Oaxaca.

Among the steps taken at the meeting were to establish an interim organizing committee to guide PBIF during the formal formulation process. The interim organizing committee will eventually be replaced by an elected organizing committee as PBIF becomes more formalized. A gateway node (<http://www.pbif.org>) was established to serve at the primary organizational and public interface for PBIF and to coordinate collaborations with partners from the region.

Representatives at the Wellington workshop expressed strong interest in joining PBIF, and while membership is open to legitimate regional scientific organizations, members wishing to function as nodes must be able to support their activities through internal or external funding sources.

The meeting also was geared to identify specific taxonomic and other projects that PBIF might facilitate. Representatives offered a list of potential projects and themes for consideration. The main themes that were identified as priorities are taxonomic and technical capacity-building, education and outreach, identification of knowledge gaps and development of projects to fill them, and forging links between Western science and traditional knowledge. Results of the workshop discussions were to recommend two specific projects to the GTI: "Inventory, Evaluation and Monitoring of Agricultural Diversity in the East and Southeast Asian Region: Regional Capacity and Institution-Building Network", and "Building National and Regional Taxonomic and Biodiversity Informatics Capacity for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Pacific Islands". At the request of the GTI, all projects identified at the PBIF meeting were submitted to the GTI for consideration.

The date and venue for the next PBIF meeting has yet to be set, but a target date of summer 2005 is being considered. For more information about PBIF please visit the website or contact Mark Fornwall at Mark_Fornwall@usgs.gov.

The PSA's association with the 10th ICRS is part of our mission to promote science within the region and also reflects PSA's long history of involvement in coral reef studies.

Membership Application

I/We wish to enroll in the Pacific Science Association in the following membership category:

- ☐ Associate scientific institution (US\$50)
- ☐ Corporate associate (US\$100)
- ☐ Individual associate (US\$40)

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

- ☐ Enclosed is a ☐ check ☐ money order in U.S. funds, payable to Pacific Science Association.
- ☐ Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Today's date: _____

Return to Pacific Science Association, 1525 Bernice St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, USA.



Executive Board

PRESIDENT

Prof. Kr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa
VP, Science Council of Japan
Tokyo, Japan
kurokawa@is.icc.u-tokai.ac.jp

VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Mahendra Kumar
University of the South Pacific
Suva, Fiji
kumar_m@usp.ac.fj

SECRETARY-GENERAL/ TREASURER

Dr. Nancy Davis Lewis
Director, Research Program
East-West Center
Honolulu, Hawai'i
LewisN@EastWestCenter.org

PAST-PRESIDENT

Dr. R. Gerard Ward
Australian National University
Canberra, Australia
rgw420@coombs.anu.edu.au

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Prof. Chang-Hung Chou
National Pingtung University of
Science and Technology
Taiwan, China
choumasa@mail.npust.edu.tw

Academician George B. Elyakov
Pacific Institute of Bioorganic
Chemistry

Vladivostok, Russia
piboc@eastnet.febras.ru

Prof. Congbin Fu
Chinese Academy of Sciences
Beijing, China
fcb@ast590.tea.ac.cn

Dr. Sung-Chick Hong
Asian Social Science Research
Institute
Seoul, Korea
ASRI@Unitel.co.kr

SECRETARIAT

John Burke Burnett
Pacific Science Association
Honolulu, Hawai'i
psa@bishopmuseum.org

Pacific Science Association Membership Information

The Pacific Science Association is a regional, nongovernmental scientific organization founded in 1920. The objectives of the association are to advance science and technology in the Pacific region by increasing interdisciplinary collaboration; to build capacity in science and technology; to encourage science for public policy and the common good; and to promote the "science of the Pacific" and Pacific Island involvement in regional and international scientific activities. Scientific committees have been long established to study and to seek solutions for important problems of Pacific interest. Scientific task forces have been established to explore interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas identified as relevant.

Regular members of the association are adhering organizations (e.g., the national academy of science or a like body) from each country or definite geographic area within or bordering the Pacific Ocean, or with scientific interests in the region. In addition, associate membership may be held by individual scientists, scientific societies and institutions, and corporations.

The association is directed by the Pacific Science Council with its elected executive board. The executive board meets annually and makes recommendations to the council, which meets during congresses and inter-congresses. The president serves as chair of the council. The secretariat is located at:

Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817, USA
Tel: (1) 808-848-4139
Fax: (1) 808-847-8252
E-mail: psa@bishopmuseum.org
Website: <http://www.pacificscience.org>